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## For President---1912 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, Of Ohio.

## TAFT STRIKES BACK.

President Taft has at length replied with vigor and spirit to the wanton and unjust attacks of Roosevelt. It was high time he did so. The attack was being pressed with increasing virulence, and the colonel was growing more and more reckless and untruthful in his statements. The dignity of silence under unjust and untruthful aspersions loses its virtue when it taken on the complexion of timidity. President Taft is a patient man, but not at all timid. There is no tincture of cowardice in his forbearance. His courage is calm but high. In repelling the false charges hurled at him by the third-term candidate he is scrupulously fair and truthful. In this respect his speeches in Massachusetts are a refreshing contrast to the colonel's unbridled utterances.

With the cold and stern precision of a judge, Taft points out Roosevelt's ambiguous attitude in regard to tariff legislation and the trusts, his singular and sudden changes of front on various public questions, and his cheerful disregard of truth in comparing his own course with that of his successor.

At the outset Roosevelt stated that he had reluctantly become a candidate because he had been called by the people. Then he took the stump in an effort to convince the people that they had called upon him and that his candidacy was necessary to the safety of the country. He reversed his own position on the initiative and referendum and the recall of judges to provide himself with a pretext for assailing the record of Taft. While the reciprocity agreement with Canada was pending he delivered speeches in Michigan and New York in favor of that measure. Now he denounces it. But the charges and insinuations he has leveled at the president—the man who was during his whole term his close personal friend and confidential adviser—prove him to be even more disloyal to the ties of friendship and good faith than he is to political principle. In his Boston speech the president pointed out how uncertain and unreliable Roosevelt's word is, how little dependence can be placed on his pledges, and how disregarding he is of veracity; his impatience with the restraints of law and how contemptuous he is of constitutional limitations. In short, Theodore Roosevelt is just the sort of man Abraham Lincoln gave warning against in an address to the Young Men's Christian association of Springfield, Illinois, when he gave reasons why the third-term precedent established by Washington should be held inviolate. Said Mr. Lincoln, speaking of ambition and lust of power:

"It thirsts and burns for distinction, and, if possible, it will have it. Is it unreasonable, then, to expect that some man, possessed of the loftiest genius, coupled with ambition sufficient to push it to the utmost stretch, will at some time spring up among us? And when such a one does, it will require the people to be united with each other, attached to the government and laws, and generally intelligent, to successfully frustrate his design. Distinction will be his paramount object, and although he would as willingly acquire it by doing good as harm, yet nothing left in the way of building up he would sit down boldly to the task of pulling down. Here then is a probable case, highly dangerous."

From the grave of Lincoln holds up the mirror to Roosevelt.

## WOMEN AGAINST EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Women suffrage is not sought, as the suffragettes would have us believe, by an overwhelming majority of the women of the country. Some of the most ardent and forceful opponents of the movement are women. A national organization of women has been perfected to combat the arguments and progress of their militant sisters who are demanding the ballot. This is the way Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge views the questions:

"Woman suffrage will not work for the welfare of the community or for the best interests of women themselves. The quality of a nation and the progress of civilization depend, not on mere government, but on the character of its

people; and the character of the people is largely in the hands of the mothers of the race. A wise and efficient mother can do more to shape the physical and moral destiny of the child than the combined influence of the teacher, the preacher, the doctor and the lawmaker. Life is becoming more difficult year by year. Innumerable opportunities of usefulness for women in their special sphere are increasing every day, and with each new opportunity, with each added complication, their responsibility increases, and the nervous pressure becomes more intense.

"The possible advantage to women in the suffrage are far outweighed by the positive evils which would follow in its train, and the good which the community might get from it is a matter of doubtful speculation. There is much more useful and important work for individual women and for organized women to do in the world than to spend their energy in political affairs. The woman suffrage movement is not spontaneous. There is no general demand for the suffrage, either among educated women or among the masses. It is a matter of agitation, of exploitation, of rhetoric and redfire. Many of the men who are backing it belong to that type of superficially educated preachers and sensational reformers who think they can suppress all social evils by Utopian legislation, and what the women's vote to swell their ranks and help them force their specious experiments upon the people.

"Are there any real abuses to which women are subjected that would be helped by the suffrage? Is it true that women, as a whole, any more than men, as a whole, are the victims of social injustice or legal discrimination, or of any evils that are due to sex prejudice, sex legislation, sex government or any conditions for which woman suffrage would prove a practical remedy?"

A man by the name of W. S. McNeil, evidently a member of the "dampool infirmity," is going to start a weekly newspaper in Reno. There is as much need of a third paper in the city as the necessity of two coffins for a dead person. At intervals some person with a thimble full of diseased brains, imagines that he can fill a "long-felt want," and procures some disgruntled grafting officeholder to assist him to purchase a few pounds of type and a can of ink and launches a sheet, telling the "dear peepul" what it is going to do and how it will revolutionize honest methods, etc. But its ambition is never realized, for it dies a-borning for lack of nourishment. There is not a field in Reno for another paper, both dailies published in that city, it is safe to venture the assertion, are not clearing \$300 a month on an investment of \$150,000. The public should "swat" these imbeciles who claim to be newspaper men and desire to fill a "long-felt want."

The platform adopted by the Illinois republican convention is a gem of its kind. It praised Roosevelt and his policies, and indorsed him for the presidency. Then it indorsed the administration and policies of President Taft. After declaring that Taft has given the country a wise, able and patriotic administration, the convention elected eight delegates and pledged them to vote for Roosevelt. The annals of American politics do not afford a more glaring instance of stultifying contradiction.

Iowa has abandoned Cummins and indorsed Taft. The colonel was swatted in New Hampshire despite the efforts of Governor Bass' machine, and Connecticut, Rhode Island and Arizona elected solid delegations pledged to Taft. The president's column is nearly twice as long as the Roosevelt and is long enough to knock the nomination.

Having recklessly used up the vigorous term "Scandalous!" on the sweeping election of Taft delegates in New York, ex-President Roosevelt may have to coin some sulphurous term of his own to express his feelings, when, in the near future the president shall have sufficient delegates pledged to nominate him on the first ballot at Chicago.

The arrest of a Chinese for smuggling cigarettes into this country indicates a possible improvement in moral character if not in law-abiding habits. Having substituted cigarettes for opium in his smuggling operations, John Chinaman may proceed by further stages to the abandonment of other "ways that are dark."

The son of Hetty Green claims to have received a thousand marriage proposals since the opening of leap year. He might play the Solomon act, and take them all.

The Portland man who tried to hatch boiled eggs in an incubator knows something about how one Theodore Roosevelt will feel after the convention at Chicago.

Another evidence of the fitness of English to become the world language is found in the fact that no other language adapts itself so readily to rag-time music.

The current popular songs indicate that if rag-time is really dying out, as was announced some time ago, it is dying a horrible death.

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Become grouchy and the rest of the world laughs at you.

## "ROOSEVELT—HE'S DEAD."

One of the ninety-seven candidates before Judge Francis Scott, at Passaic, N. J., recently seeking citizenship was asked:

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